Covid Safety

Safety measures and protocols EVA is taking to ensure staff and student safety:

The safety, health and well-being of our students, staff, families and community is a top priority. All the learning programs on school grounds should follow [CDC’s K-12 safety strategies](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-universities/index.html) as well as [NC DHHS StrongschoolsNC toolkit](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/tools/schoolsnc). Some of these measures include:

- requiring face covering, physical distancing, handwashing, cleaning facilities, monitoring community transmission rates and contact tracing to appropriately quarantine and isolate anyone who is ill.
- We continue to monitor our local metrics, follow state guidance and revise recommendations and protocols as we receive updates.

EVA is committed to consistent and layered prevention strategies to ensure safety in our buildings. Strategies to be followed at EVA include:

- Encouraging anyone who is eligible to get vaccinated
- Social/physical distancing encouraged and reminders posted throughout the building
- Face coverings are required indoors by all students, staff and guests in EVA facilities ([unless an exception is documented with this form](https://example.com/exception-form), [Spanish version](https://example.com/exception-form-es)). Face coverings are required to be worn on buses or other transportation vehicles. Face coverings are not required outdoors but may be worn if individuals are more comfortable doing so.
- Hand sanitizer stations placed strategically throughout school
- Limiting nonessential visitor and activities involving external groups
- Prior to arrival, monitoring for symptoms at home and stay home if sick
- Monitoring at home includes that staff and students must disclose (within the last 10 – 14 day period):
  - Have you tested positive for COVID-19?
  - Have you been in close contact with someone who tested positive?
  - Have you developed symptoms?
- If someone answers yes to any of these questions, they must contact the school and remain at home until they meet criteria for return.

Students who are not feeling well should stay home and consult with a health care provider.

- Custodial teams will be following Centers for Disease Control guidelines for enhanced cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing
- Custodial teams will conduct enhanced cleaning/disinfecting processes inside classrooms and restrooms at the end of each school day and perform enhanced cleaning on common touchpoints throughout buildings throughout the day
- Daily monitoring and restocking, as needed, for custodial supplies (paper towels, hand soap, toilet tissue, hand sanitizer, custodial cleaning products, etc.)
- No drinking directly from the fountains. Students need to bring their own water bottle to school every day.